SUBJECT No. 172.

Coffee disease.

Messrs. T. Narasinga Rao, North Mysore Native Planters' Association, and C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As coffee is one of the staple products of the State like paddy, arecanut, etc., it is requested that the study of its diseases, etc., may be taken up by the Agricultural Department. It is not possible for native planters to derive much benefit from the researches of the scientific staff of the Planters' Association. The conditions in native coffee estates are different. Typical soils should be analysed and they require different treatment. The Planters' Chronicle is sold at a high price to non-members.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 173.

Books on Agriculture and Industries.

Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is better if books on agriculture and other industries are bought from funds sanctioned by Government and from money collected from local men by means of subscriptions and kept in libraries at all district, taluk and union headquarters for the use of people as in Baroda, where the above practice was recently introduced. The library so started should be open to the public. By this means people gain knowledge in agriculture and industries. The local schoolmasters, with the aid of the Municipal or Union members as the case may be, may be made to devote a certain portion of their time for instructing those who wish to study them. Moreover the schoolmasters will be able to instruct their pupils.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 174.

An agricultural school at each district headquarter town.

Messrs. Mahomed Imam Sab, Mir Mahomed Sab and Subba Rao, Tarikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—An agricultural school may be established at each district headquarters for training shanbhogs, patels and other landholders in agriculture so that they may diffuse their knowledge widely among the agricultural raiyats.

Reply of Government.—It has been decided to open an Agricultural College at Bangalore from next year and this is sufficient for the present.

SUBJECT No. 175.

Establishment of Agricultural Demonstration Farms.

(1) Messrs. S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association and Nadiga Bhima Rao, Channagiri taluk.
(2) Mr. A. Cheluvaiengar, Shimoga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Demonstration Farms may be established in each district. On account of the conservatism of the raiyats and their suspicion of all new things, it is desirable that the benefits of the modern methods of agriculture should be brought home to them by actual demonstration in their own neighbourhood.

(2) Suitable lands may be selected from among assessed waste lands in the malnad and cultivated experimentally on improved methods by Government agency for illustration to the malnad raiyats.

Reply of Government.—The Agricultural Department is prepared to demonstrate improved methods of

cultivation and the use of implements to such of the raiyats as are desirous of learning them on their own lands.

SUBJECT No. 176.

Appointment of Agricultural Inspectors.

(1) Messrs. Syed Budan Sab, Hiriyur taluk; H. Subba Rao, Chitaldrug District Board; Ramappa, Challakere taluk; Sanjiva Rao, Chitaldrug taluk; and J. Subba Rao, Krishisilpabhivridhika Samaj, Chitaldrug.
(2) Mr. S. Venkatesiah, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.
(3) Mr. Krishna Rao, Kadur District Board.
(4) Messrs. Sitaramiah and A. Chaluvaiengar, Shimoga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) An Agricultural Inspector may be appointed for the Hiriyur taluk, for the improvement of agriculture under the Marikanave Channels.

(2) An Agricultural Inspector may be appointed for each district for demonstrating in each and every taluk the use of improved agricultural implements and imparting instruction in the new methods of agriculture.

(3) An Agricultural Inspector may be employed in each taluk, to train the agriculturists in improved methods of agriculture.

(4) Trained Agricultural Inspectors may be appointed for each division for the instruction of raiyats in improved methods of agriculture and for raising new crops.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 177.

Supply of agricultural implements and seeds through taluk offices.

Messrs. Hutcha Rao and Kanchitotada Krishnappa, Koppa taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Arrangements may kindly be made to supply agricultural implements and seeds through taluk offices.

Reply of Government.—There is a seed depot at Bangalore which supplies seeds as far as possible to all places throughout the State. The question of opening seed-depots in other places will be taken up gradually.

SUBJECT No. 178.

Supply of Agricultural Gazette.

(*a*) Mr. Anjaneya Setty, Pavagada taluk.
(*b*) Mr. Linge Gowda, Mysore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) It is prayed that the Agricultural Gazette be supplied to raiyats paying a kandayâin of Rs. 50 and above and to the members of the Representative Assembly on payment of a subscription of annas 8 annually.

(*b*) The subscription of the Revenue and Agricultural Gazette for shanbhogs and patels is 8 annas a year. It is prayed that it be reduced to 4 annas.

Reply of Government.—Not necessary.

SUBJECT No. 179.

An Assistant Veterinary Inspector for each taluk.

Messrs. Nadig Bhima Rao and Appajayya, Channagiri taluk.

Summary of discussion.—One Assistant Veterinary Inspector for a whole district cannot do much in the way of preventing the spread of infectious diseases among cattle which are of frequent occurrence. It is therefore necessary to appoint an Assistant Veterinary Inspector for each taluk.

Reply of Government.—Is being done as far as funds permit.